



CHATS WITH STREET SWEEPER . . . Ann Landers pauses to chat with woman who interrupts her street sweeping. The Russian woman tells the Herald columnist that she earns \$80 a month. "It's easier cleaning streets

than your own home," she added. Ann took a crash, short course in the Russian language in preparation for her trip. (Mrs. Landers' regular Herald column starts today on Page 9.)

Ann Landers in Moscow

Priest Celebrates Mass in U.S. Exhibit for Visitors

By ANN LANDERS
(This is the seventh of a series of 12 articles by the author of America's most popular human relations column.)

MOSCOW — Today was a day to remember. A Catholic, a Protestant, an atheist and a Jew went to mass together — in Moscow.

Dr. Thomas Nicholas, a tourist from Buffalo, Wyo.; Stewart Cameron of Washington, D.C., who works for NBC; my Russian interpreter, Eleonora Trafemolva, and Ann Landers went arm in arm to Sunday morning mass, celebrated by Father Louis Dion.

There are about 3000 Roman Catholics in Moscow, a city of 5,500,000, and one Roman Catholic church, St. Louis d'France. The mass we attended was not held in a church. We went instead to the American exhibition grounds where a TV showroom was set aside as the place for Catholic worship.

FATHER DION is a soft-spoken 44-year-old priest from Worcester, Mass. "I'm not here to serve the Soviet citizens," he explained. "Father Bronitski does that. I serve only the embassy staff, newspaper people and tourists."

"Usually I celebrate mass at my apartment but so many Catholics have come to Moscow in connection with the exhibition my apartment won't hold them all."

Father Dion is enormously popular with Catholic Americans. "He's the only link to religion our children have in Russia," said Joan Hallet, a young mother of three whose husband is with the American Embassy.

AMERICAN TOURISTS frequently phone the embassy in search of a priest. Father Dion is always on call. He invites one and all, regardless of faith, to visit him at his apartment which is complete with an altar.

"When I invited Eleonora, my interpreter, to attend mass, she accepted eagerly. I was surprised. She had told me earlier she didn't believe in God and had never attended a religious service."

"Are you sure you won't get into trouble?" I asked.

"I'm not going to pray. I'm going to observe," was her response.

ELEONORA is a 22-year-old honey blonde. She has smoky grey eyes, gleaming teeth and a good figure — an unlikely combination in a Russian girl, judging by the women I saw. She is a senior in the Institute of Foreign Languages and a member of the Komsomol (the Soviet youth organization). Eleonora hopes one day to be

worthy of membership in the Communist party. "There are only 8,000,000 party members," she told me proudly. "Not just ANYONE can be a Communist, you know."

By 9 o'clock, 150 men, women and children had packed the TV showroom. There were only 100 folding chairs, so many stood.

FATHER DION, wearing emerald green vestments faced his flock and announced, "Worshippers will be excused from kneeling this morning because the floors are not very clean." (Nearly everyone knelt anyway.)

The priest had brought the necessary religious articles for the service. He placed the gold-tasseled altar cloths over a large table and arranged the missal, the chalice for the wine, two candles and the ciborium (container for the host). Father Dion removed a picture from the wall and hung in its place a crucifix.

Leonard Baun of Collingwood, N. J., assisted at the altar.

THE SERVICES in this makeshift chapel were immensely moving. The worshippers seemed to pray with a fervor which one does not often see among Sunday morning church-goers in the States.

Perhaps all who prayed that morning were especially mindful, as I was, of the thousands of miles which separated us from our loved ones. Each of us, in his own way, asked a Higher Power to return us safely to home and family. The earnestness of prayer that morning demonstrated dramatically the need to seek strength outside ourselves. And it demonstrated, too, that we seem to pray with deeper conviction when we want something.

At the solemn moment of consecration when Father Dion raised the host on high, a stillness fell over the kneeling worshippers and every head was bowed.

AFTER THE GOSPEL, Father Dion delivered a brief sermon on "Love — the Greatest Force of All."

At the conclusion of the mass, I waited until everyone had left; then I introduced myself and asked Father Dion if he could spare a few moments to tell me about freedom of worship in Russia. He invited me to ride in his car to the apartment where he was saying another mass in half an hour. The others in our party followed in a separate car, which was just as well because Eleonora's presence would have hampered Father Dion considerably.

HE TOLD ME the Communist authorities now permit open worship but religion is ridiculed and attacked in the Soviet press as "a hysterical expression of weakness." Atheism, of course, is taught in the schools. Anyone who aspires to membership in the Communist party, or hopes for a top government job, wouldn't dare be affiliated with a church.

In 1917 there were 570 Russian Orthodox churches in Moscow alone. Today there are fewer than 40. Only 35 Moslem priests have been ordained in the last 42 years. Moscow has one Baptist church.

There is only one synagogue in Moscow. A Jew in Russia is considered a member of a nationality. On his internal passport is stamped the word Jew. During the high holidays hundreds of Jews stand on the sidewalk because they can't get into the synagog. They feel their presence near a place of worship is better than nothing.

THE KREMLIN has been careful to preserve the exterior of the magnificent cathedrals. Visitors are impressed by the beauty of the brilliantly colored domes and spires. It also gives a superficial (and false) impression that religion is very much alive in the Soviet Union. Visitors who enter these cathedrals find that most of them are not places of worship, but museums.

"Who are the parishioners of the one Roman Catholic church in Moscow?" I asked Father Dion.

"The elderly people who have nothing to lose," he said. "Most of them are women past 65. But they are the hope. The babushka (grandmother) takes care of the young ones while the mother is at work. The first few years of a child's life are the most important. Grandparents plants the spiritual seeds. Children never forget."

TOO SOON we reached the apartment. Suddenly I was reminded of two other men of the cloth who had the same gentleness of manner and spirit of dedication. Did Father Dion have a pair of medals for my favorite priests in America? Indeed he did — and with them went his personal good wishes. I thanked him in behalf of Father Paul of La-Crosse, Wis., and Father Gainor of Chicago.

"God bless you," he smiled. "See you in Chicago one of these days—I hope."

WHEN I CLIMBED into the waiting car I discovered that Dr. Nicholas and Mr. Cameron had remained at the U.S. exhibition. Eleonora and I were alone. It was an excellent opportunity to ask her what she thought of the mass.

"Very interesting," she said. "But religion is for frightened people. And I am not frightened—thank God."

"Thank WHO?" I asked. She bit her lip and we drove to the hotel in silence.

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Municipal Court Study Asked

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn this week requested that the Chief Administrative Officer submit a full and complete report on a proposed plan for reorganization of the municipal courts of Los Angeles County to the Board of Supervisors within four weeks.

The proposed reorganization plan is being worked out by a committee of municipal court judges, headed by Judge William Rosenthal, in cooperation with the Chief Administrative Officer.

SUPERVISOR HAHN, who is chairman of the Board of Supervisors' committee on the municipal courts, stated that the purpose of the proposed reorganization of the municipal court system is to improve the administration of justice and to save substantial sums of money each year through making the best possible use of existing judicial manpower and court facilities.

He pointed out that there are 23 separate municipal court districts in Los Angeles County.

IT HAS BEEN indicated that the proposed reorganization plan is similar to the recent reorganization of the Superior Court system, which included establishing nine multi-judge regional courts to serve all the areas of the County.

Details of the plan will be included in the report ordered by the Board of Supervisors.

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Armed Forces

Army Sergeant First Class Vincent R. Isbill, whose wife Erika, lives at 2610 W. 177th St., is participating in a five-week large-scale field training exercise with the 3d Armored Division in Wildflecken, Germany. The training is scheduled to end Nov. 20.

The maneuver, which involves air, armor, infantry and artillery units, is designed to test the combat readiness of the 3d Armored Division, a major part of the NATO shield of defense in Europe.

Sergeant Isbill, son of Mrs. Della Isbill of Athens, Tenn., entered the Army in 1944 and was stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., before arriving overseas in June 1956.

He was employed by the Carver Manufacturing Co., Athens, before entering the Army.

Frank E. Maure, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruke J. Maure, 21242 Lynton Ave., recently was promoted to specialist four in Germany where he is a member of the 24th Infantry Division.

Maure, an automatic rifleman in Company C of the division's 28th Infantry, entered the Army in June 1958, completed basic training at Fort Riley, Kan., and arrived overseas last December.

He is a 1954 graduate of Elkhart (Ind.) High School and was employed by Principal Plastics, Inc., in Torrance, before entering the Army.

Arthur D. Alderette, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan M. Alderette, 2362 W. 238th St., recently was promoted to specialist four in Germany, where he is a member of the 24th Infantry Division.

Alderette, a fire team leader in Company A of the division's 28th Infantry, entered the Army in May 1958, completed basic training at Fort Riley, Kan., and arrived overseas last December.

He is a 1954 graduate of Torrance High School and was employed by the City of Torrance Park Department before entering the Army.

Alan A. Cordova, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cordova of 3613 W. 172nd St., serving aboard the attack carrier USS Bon Homme Richard, and Gary G. Kirtley, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn T. Kirtley, of 23624 Susana, serving aboard the heavy cruiser USS Rochester, took part in a large fleet training exercise off the coast of Southern California, Nov. 2-6, involving units of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Marine Pfc. Thomas D. Pence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale T. Pence of 1616 W. 253rd St., Harbor City, is attending a 16-week course in Basic Electronics at the Treasure Island Naval Station, San Francisco.

He reported to San Francisco Oct 19 and upon completion of the course will be transferred to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, for further instruction as a radar technician or as a radio repairman.

Before enlisting in April 1959, Pence graduated from Narbonne High School.

Thomas P. Cliburn, son of Mrs. Hannah E. Cliburn, 1417 Greenwood Ave., recently was promoted to specialist four in Germany, where he is a member of the 47th Ordnance Group.

Cliburn, a clerk-typist in the group's Headquarters Detachment in Stuttgart, entered the Army in August 1958, completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and arrived overseas last February.

The 19-year-old soldier is a 1958 graduate of Fairview (W. Va.) High School.



PACE SETTER . . . Mrs. Kenneth Uyeda receives chain link bracelet from Harbor Area Chairman Jim Becker at report meeting at Push Horse. Looking on is Mrs. Richard Gerald, North Torrance unit chairman. Mrs. Uyeda is the first division chairman in the Harbor Area to make 100 per cent of her quota in the Community Chest's residential drive.

Volunteers Lauded for Progress In Red Feather Drive in Area

More than 500 Community Chest volunteers jammed into the Push Horse this week for the Harbor Area luncheon report meeting—the first of this year's campaign.

The news that emerged from the meeting is that Harbor Area leads the entire Los Angeles area with 42.43 per cent of its quota of \$115,374 already collected.

In the overall picture Torrance city chairman Harold Frenz has reason to be pleased with his volunteer's achievements. Torrance, with 45.64 per cent of its \$28,401 quota already in the bag, is well over the area average.

IN THE COMMERCE and Industry section it leads the whole of the Harbor Area so far, with 35.78 per cent of quota reported; its Advance Gifts collection is second highest in the area at 64.13 per cent; North Torrance residential collection, with 90.45 per cent, is also second highest; and Mrs. Kenneth Uyeda of North Torrance is the first division chairman in the whole of the Harbor Area to reach 100 per cent of quota.

Three Torrance section chairmen have already reported 100 per cent in the residential drive: Mrs. Elizabeth McKenna, (North Torrance) Mrs. L. W. Cosler (Central), and Mrs. Bea Johnson (South).

The residential campaign in North Torrance has been one of the successes of the 1959 drive. Mrs. Richard Gerald's achievement in reaching 90.45 per cent of her quota in just over a week's campaigning has brought her unit to within striking distance of overall leader Mrs. Joseph Morillo's Gardena volunteers in the race for the J. A. Robinson trophy.

THE TROPHY is awarded at the end of the campaign to the city with the highest percentage of quota. Gardena is the present leader with 95.55 per cent, but the campaign still has a month to run before the final destination of the trophy is settled. All three Torrance residential units still have a chance to upset the odds. In

School Food Assn. to Meet Monday Evening

The November meeting of the South Bay School Food Service Assn. will be held at the Jefferson School Cafeteria, 10320 Condon, Lennox, at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

The subject for the evening will be on Civil Defense. All members and friends are being invited.

For the three units is \$8677. Money collected at report time was \$5447 or 61.49 per cent.

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Films high on the popularity list include "Arctic Mission," which dramatizes the building of the DEW line, and "Voices Beneath the Sea," a story of the laying of the first transatlantic telephone cable two years ago. Bell System hour-long science spectaculars include "Our Mr. Sun," story of the sun; "Hemo the Magnificent," story of the blood; and "The Strange Case of the Cosmic Ray," which takes the viewer on a dramatic and scientific journey into space. Nearly 6 million persons in Southern California viewed the films last year. Reservations for films can be made at any Pacific Telephone business office.

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